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SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS.

CHAPTER V. The Love of a Man for a Maid.

ITZGERALD was sitting alone after dinner. The Colonel was away on business. Maurice and the Countess were walking in the garden. Fitzgerald was aroused by

trance of Madame "What were you thinking of?"

"I was thinking," replied he, "that

"I was thinking," replied he, "that nothing can be gained by keeping us prisoners here."

"Not even forgiveness?" The lids of the gray eyes drooped.

"Forgiveness?" Oh, there is nothing to forgive you; it is only your mistress I cannot forgive. On the contraty. There is much to thank you for.

"Still, whatever I do or have done is merely in accordance with lier Higaness's wishes."

"He moved uneasily. "It is her will, not yours."

"Yes: the heart of Mme Amerbach is supine to the brain of Madame the Duchess."

"Madame, shall I tell you a secret?"



Monsieur, you say that you love me; do not degrade me by forcing me into your arms. I am a woman, and weak, and you are hurting me."

He let go her hands, and they stool there, breathing deeply and quickly. But for her it was a respite. To hold him, was her desire. She had reckoned on wax; a man atood before her. All at once the flutter of admiration stirred in her heart. She was a soldier's daughter, the daughter of a man who loved strong men. And this man was doubly strong because he was fearless and honest. She read in his eyes that a moment more and he had kissed her, a thing no man save her father had ever done.

Madame had fully recovered her composure. She saw her way to the end:

"It is true," is also true that I am not indifferent to you. What proof have I that you really love me? None, save your declaration; and that is not sufficient for a woman such as I am. Shall I place my life in your hands for heter or for woise simply because you say you love me?"

"Love that demands conditions? I have asked none."

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Madame binshed. "A man offers love; a woman confers it."

"And what is this narrow road called which leads to your affections? Is your heart a citadel?"

"It is called sacrifice. Those who dwell in my heart, which you call a citadel, enter by that road."

"Sacrifice?" Fervor lighted his face again. "Do you wish my fortune? It is yours. My life? It is yours. Do you wish me to lead the army of the Duchess into Blelberg? It shall be done. Sacrifice? I have sacrificed the best years of youth for nothing; my life has been made up of sacrifices."

"Modame. Maurice and the Countess. "Madame. Maurice whispered to the Countess." "Confidences?" said Madame. "Confidences?" said Madame. "I simply complained that Madame the Countess had kept me too long under the stars. But here is Col. Mollendorf, freshly returned from Brunnstadt to inform you that the army is fully prepared for any emergency. Is not that true. Colemel?" as he beheld that individual standing in the doorway.

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the coming election in February. The elections there have not the excitement

"If any dispute occurs we are asked to decide by both parties, which speaks well for their reliance in our justice Of course, there are a number of people in Cuba who desire annexation, but doubt the possibility of securing a can

"The people of Cuba wish to see their flag floating over Morro Castle even if it were only for a week. I am in good health now and never felt better in my

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